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In re Application of McQuade, et al.

Application No. 10/027,146

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This is a decision on the renewed petition filed (with fee) on 19 June, 2003, and considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.182¹ to correct the name of the named inventor (from Fran McQuade to Francis T. McQuade). (See: MPEP §605.04(c).²)

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The statement of the inventor's name (formerly set forth in a nickname as Fran McQuade) will be corrected to FRANCIS T. MCQUADE.

§ 1.182 Questions not specifically provided for.

All situations not specifically provided for in the regulations of this part will be decided in accordance with the merits of each situation by or under the authority of the Commissioner, subject to such other requirements as may be imposed, and such decision will be communicated to the interested parties in writing. Any petition seeking a decision under this section must be accompanied by the petition fee set forth in §1.17(h). [47 Fed. Reg. 41278, Sept. 17, 1982, effective date Oct. 1, 1982; revised, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, Oct. 10, 1997, effective Dec. 1, 1997]

605.04(c) Inventor Changes Name

In cases where an inventor's name has been changed after the application has been filed and the inventor desires to change his or her name on the application, he or she must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The petition should be directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

If the petition is granted, the application should be sent to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for change of name on the file wrapper and in the PALM database, unless the application is an 09/ series application, in which case the application should be sent to the assigned Technology Center (TC) for correction to the PALM bib-data sheet by the TC's technical support staff. If the application is assigned, applicant should submit a corrected assignment document along with a cover sheet and the recording fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.21(h) to the Assignment Division for a change in the assignment record.

The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.182 provide:

The commentary at MPEP §605.04(c) provides in pertinent part:

Petitioner is reminded to submit to the Assignment Division a corrected assignment document and cover sheet--as well as the appropriate fee--as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.21(h) for change of the assignment record.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division to change Office records to reflect the correct statement of the inventor's name as FRANCIS T. McQUADE before being forwarded for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9199.

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